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THE HONORABLE REED HUNDT
CHAIRMAN
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
1919 M STREET, N.W., ROOM 814
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20554

RE: CC DOCKET NO. 96-45

DEAR CHAIRMAN HUNDT:

I AM A SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER FROM SOUTH FAYETTE TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT, AND I WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP AND THE LEADERSHIP OF THE JOINT BOARD FOR THEIR DECISION TO MAKE SURE THAT ALL SCHOOLS WILL HAVE AFFORDABLE TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES. I URGE THE FCC TO FULLY ADOPT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE JOINT BOARD.

THE DISCOUNT RANGE WILL ENSURE THAT ALL SCHOOLS WILL HAVE AFFORDABLE ACCESS. THE PLAN IS FLEXIBLE ENOUGH TO ALLOW SCHOOLS TO SELECT SERVICES THAT WORK BEST FOR THEIR EDUCATIONAL NEEDS. THE INCLUSION OF DISCOUNTS ON INTERNAL CONNECTIONS AND INTERNET ACCESS IS ALSO IMPORTANT AND WILL BRING SERVICES DIRECTLY TO THE CLASSROOM WHERE STUDENTS WILL BENEFIT IMMEDIATELY.

WE HAVE JUST EMBARKED ON A VERY AGGRESSIVE TECHNOLOGY PLAN AND THE SAVINGS FOR THE ACCESS WILL HELP TO MOVE OUR PLAN ALONG QUICKER THAN ANTICIPATED.

AS YOU MOVE AHEAD IN YOUR DELIBERATION ON THIS IMPORTANT ISSUE, I URGE YOU TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO BRING 21ST CENTURY LEARNING TO OUR SCHOOL CHILDREN.

SINCERELY,

CHRISTINE SAMMONS SCHOOL DIRECTOR

SOUTH FAYETTE TOWNSHIP



January 6, 1997

The Honorable Reed Hundt, Chairman Federal Communications Commission 1919 M Street, N. W., Room 814

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Dear Chairman Hundt:

We are very pleased with the concern and dedication that preceded the decision to ensure that all schools will have affordable access to the Internet. We urge the Federal Communications Commission to fully adopt the recommendations of the FCC Federal State Joint Board.

At the present time, very few schools in Oklahoma have the funds or appropriate providers to connect their schools to the world wide network of information available to them. If school districts wish to make a commitment to bring their students into the new millennium with the appropriate technological skills, they must pay premium rates for the installation of lines as well as the costly subscriptions for service. Our rural districts which could greatly benefit from the advantages of "distance learning" find it cost prohibitive. We are encouraged by the action of the Joint Board and strongly urge you to proceed with the final process of adopting and implementing these important recommendations.

Thank you for your hard work and interest in education.

Sincerely,

Sammy Young

President

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Dear Chairman Hundt:

I am writing in support of the vote by the Federal-State Joint Board of the Federal Communications Commission to recommend deep discounts to schools and libraries for telecommunications services. I urge the F.C.C. to fully adopt the recommendations of the Joint Board. These discounts will make it much more affordable for schools to obtain such services as Internet access and provide distance learning and other educational opportunities for students.

Thanks for your continued leadership in the telecommunications area which is so important to education.

Sincerely

Joe Marchiori, Member Board of Education

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Dear Chairman Hundt:

As a Board member for the Appleton Area School District, I wish to express my appreciation for your leadership and the leadership of the Joint Board for their strong decision to ensure that all schools will have affordable access to the Information Superhighway. I urge the FCC to fully adopt the recommendations of the Joint Board.

The discount range of 20 to 90 percent will ensure that all schools in our district have truly affordable access. The plan is also flexible and will empower schools to select the services that work best for their students and families. The inclusion of discounts on internal connections and Internet access is equally vital. This will bring service directly to the classroom where students learn.

It is essential in our district that Internet discounts are available. We provide technology for students who, in many cases, do not have computers in their homes. We need to be sure schools can afford this since so many families in our community can not.

I urge you to adopt the complete recommendations as a way to ensure success for students moving into the demands of the 21st century.

Sincerely,

Diane Barkmeier Board of Education

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These recommendations will ensure that all schools in our district have truly affordable and accessible services. The plan is also flexible and will empower schools to select the services that work best for their students and families. The inclusion of discounts on internal connections and Internet access is equally vital. This will bring service directly to the classroom where students and families can learn.

It is important that Internet discounts are available. In our district, we provide technology for students who, in many cases, do not have computers in their homes. We need to be sure schools can afford this since so many families in our community can not.

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John Mielke

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Dear Chairman Hundt:

On behalf of the Bloomingdale Board of Education I would like to thank you for your leadership and the leadership of the Joint Board for their strong decision to ensure that all schools will have affordable access to the Information Superhighway. I urge the FCC to fully adopt the recommendations of the Joint Board.

The discount range of 20 to 90 percent will ensure that all schools, even the poorest, have truly affordable access. The plan is also very flexible and will empower schools to select the services that work best for their educational mission. The inclusion of discounts on internal connections and Internet access is equally vital and stands to bring services directly to the classroom where students learn and will allow us to attain our technology goals over the next five years.

As you move ahead in your deliberation on this important issue, I urge you to seize this opportunity to bring 21st century learning to our school children.

Sincerely,

George Hagl,

School Business Administrator/Board Secretary